

## THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO:

- (1) PROHIBIT OR LIMIT THE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM OF A PERSON;
- (2) APPLY TO A FARMER WHILE SLAUGHTERING LIVESTOCK OF THE FARMER; OR
- (3) APPLY TO RITUAL SLAUGHTER.
- (D) PROHIBITED.

A SLAUGHTERER, PACKER, OR STOCKYARD OPERATOR MAY NOT, UNLESS BY A HUMANE METHOD:

- (1) SHACKLE, HOIST, OR OTHERWISE BRING LIVESTOCK INTO POSITION FOR SLAUGHTER; OR
- (2) BLEED OR SLAUGHTER LIVESTOCK.
- (E) INSPECTION.

THE SECRETARY SHALL INSPECT THE HANDLING OF LIVESTOCK IN CONNECTION WITH SLAUGHTERING IN AN OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENT.

## (F) PENALTY.

(1) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$100 FOR EACH VIOLATION.

(2) IN ADDITION TO THE PENALTY UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE SECRETARY MAY REFUSE TO PROVIDE OR MAY SUSPEND TEMPORARILY INSPECTION SERVICES FOR AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT VIOLATES THIS SECTION WITH RESPECT TO THE SLAUGHTER OF LIVESTOCK.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Chapter 26, Acts of 2002, which enacted the Criminal Law Article, also added this section, which is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, §§ 333B, 333C, 333D, and 333A(a) and (c) through (g), and former AG § 4-123.1.

With respect to former AG § 4-123.1, subsection (a)(2) of this section is revised as a definition for clarity, brevity, and consistency with former Art. 27, § 333A(g). As a result, the reference to the requirement that livestock may only be slaughtered "[a]t an official establishment or custom slaughterhouse ... according to" a humane method is deleted as unnecessary.

In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the reference to "livestock" is substituted for the former references to an "animal" for consistency within this section.

Also in subsection (a)(2) of this section, the reference a "humane method" specifically "not includ[ing] [a method]" is substituted for the former